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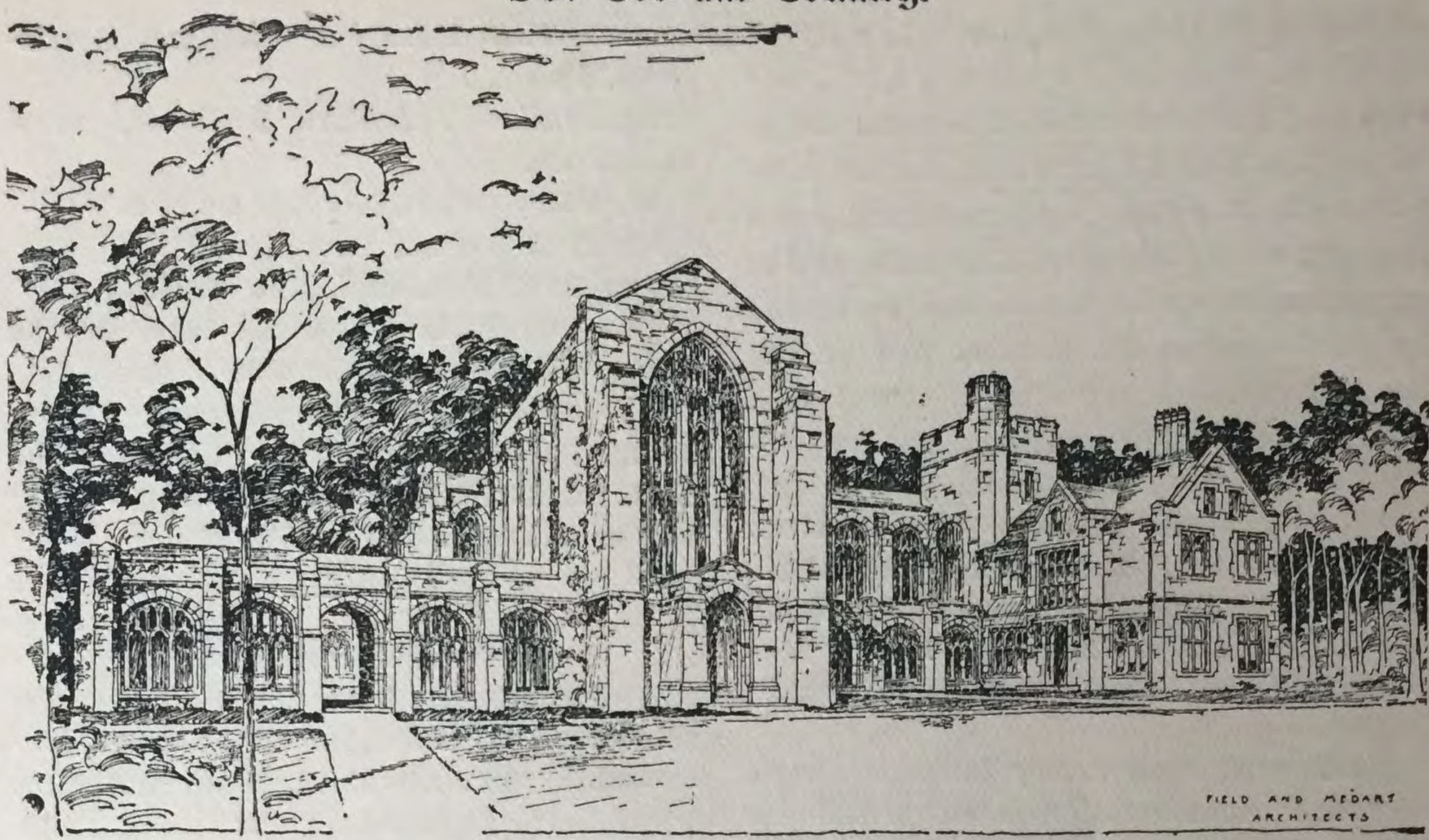

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory or Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—Cyrus Townsend Brady.

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With this number of the Chronicle we begin our fourth year of publication. We are deeply grateful to our friends for the cordial support given to our efforts, and we hope to deserve them more as time passes. The three volumes which we have published are the record of great progress made at Valley Forge and in the work on the Washington Memorial. They record the recognition by the National Government of the claim of Valley Forge to the consideration of the Nation. They record the passing of the second missionary stage of the Chapel into its third stage of parochial independence. These things are history.

The records which will be written in the future as a part of this Chronicle of Patriotism will show the development along these two lines. The National Arch is but the outward sign of the Nation's awakening appreciation of the debt owed to Valley Forge and the part that Valley Forge and its heroes played in the onward movement of the nations of the earth. That spirit will find occasions for other manifestations of generosity and appreciation.

Likewise our pages will record the de-

velopment of the parish, for it is a living organism, designed for growth and filled with the Spirit of Life. The most hopeful sign is that its interests are not self-centered. It exists for something more than its own edification. It stands as the custodian of works whose end is in the far future when all nations will be but the Kingdom of the Christ. Until that time it must hold in sacred trust for others its two great educational institutions, the Valley Forge Museum of American History and the Washington Memorial Library. The Chapel points to the Hand of God in American History. The Museum and the Library make its writing legible.

Hard work and heavy burdens must be small exchange for such trusts as these. The trusts are inspirational, and their fulfilment makes for the development of all the best in humanity. Here is world-wide service. Here is the far-reaching vision. Here is the inspiration of hallowed past, beneficent present and glorious future.

The Washington Memorial Edition of the History of North America.

George Barrie & Sons have issued a well printed circular giving an account of the Washington Memorial Edition of the History of North America. The Founders' Copies are printed on Japan vellum paper, in twenty volumes, octavo, illustrated by one hundred and twenty plates in water color facsimile, photogravure, and facsimile typogravure, together with over one thousand other illustrations in typogravure and in line, printed hors texte on laminated paper. This edition is bound in half levanted Morocco, and is limited to one hundred numbered and registered sets.

Such books as these are worthy of a king's library, and to own a set is a rare distinction.

The following have received their certificates, and been enrolled as Founders:

Mrs. Wilfred Ludwig Stauffer, Norristown, Pa.

Mrs. Alice Van Kirk Richards, Overbrook, Pa.

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The fifty dollars received from George Barrie & Sons upon the sale of these sets were deposited in the Western Saving Fund, Philadelphia, as the nucleus of the Endowment Fund of the Washington Memorial Library, Valley Forge.

The Read Collection.

A new case has been placed in the Museum for the exhibition of the relics presented by Dr. Alfred H. Read and Miss Nina Boreiche Read. Their father, Col. Louis W. Read, M. D., was for years the Surgeon General of the State of Pennsylvania, and served with distinction in the Crimean War and in the Civil War. In the Crimean War Dr. Read gained his first experience as an army surgeon, an experience which well fitted him for his work in the Union Army. His silver-mounted helmet, with the Russian double-headed eagle, his coat and sash are interesting reminders of the scenes of the struggle between the Russians and the allied forces of Turkey, France, Great Britain and Sardinia.

The pair of epaulettes, resting upon the quaint box in which they were kept, recalls an interesting episode in the war. Dr. Read and a group of young American surgeons gave three hearty American cheers for the Czar as he passed on one occasion. Nicholas was greatly pleased at the enthusiasm of the Americans, and asked what favor he could show them. Dr. Read asked for Prince Gortachakoff's gloves for a friend in Norristown, and was given not only the gloves of the great commander, but also his epaulettes.

The cloth cap was worn by Dr. Read throughout the campaign, and he has written on the lining the record of the places in which he was. The list includes:

St. Petersburg; Warsaw (April); Sebastopol (May), Fell Sept. 9th; Nov 14th Emperor, Simpheropol, July 4th, 1855.

One of the most interesting exhibits is the order by which Dr. Read was sent to Norristown to operate on General Hancock, who had been dangerously wounded at Gettysburg July 3, 1863. Dr. Read succeeded in finding the bullet and saving the General's life.

The order is as follows:

Head Quarters Army of the Potomac
September 1, 1863.

Special Orders
No. 235 (Extract)

6. Leave of absence for ten days is granted to Surgeon L. W. Read, 3d Div., 5th Army Corps, to enable him to attend professionally Major General W. S. Hancock at Norristown, Pa. If Gen. Hancock can sooner dispense with his services Surgeon Read will promptly return to this Army.

By command of Major General Meade.
(Signed) S. Williams,
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Head Quarters 5th Army Corps
Sept. 1st, 1863.

Official William Tax,
Act. Asst. Adj. Genl.

Head Quarters Penn. Reserves
Sept. 2d, 1863

Official R. T. Auchmuty,
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Near the order in the same case are the "Hymn Book for the Army and Navy," published by the American Tract Society, and a tract "The Invitation," published by the Bishop White Prayer Book Society. These were used by William Shultz in his last hours at Gettysburg where he died of injuries received during the battle.

Above the case is an old campaign flag, with the picture of Henry Clay printed upon it and the names of the candidates, Clay and Freylinghuysen. Clay and Frelinghuysen were nominated by the Whigs in 1844.

By the terms of the gift these relics are to be returned to the family if at any time the Valley Forge Museum should pass out of existence.

The Washington Memorial Library.

During the past few weeks two more books have been added to our collection of Authors' Presentation Copies. Both of these volumes are from the pen of Frazer Ells Wilson. The author deals with a part of Wayne's life to which little attention has been given, and he has made a decided contribution to a just appreciation of Wayne's campaign. The titles are: "The | Treaty of Greenville | being an official account of the same, together with | the Expeditions of Gen. Arthur St. Clair | and Gen. Anthony Wayne | against the Northwestern Indian Tribes, and an his-| torical Sketch of the Territory northwest | of the Ohio River, previous thereto | by | Frazer E. Wilson. | Piqua Ohio, | 1894."

"The Peace | of Mad Anthony | An Account of the Subjugation | of the Northwestern Indian Tribes | and the | Treaty of Greenville | by which the | Territory Beyond the Ohio was | Opened for Anglo-Saxon | Settlement | by | Frazer Ells Wilson | MCMIX | Greenville, | Ohio."

From Mr. Frank Quigg we have received the following work: "Washington | and | the Generals | of the | American Revolution | Two Volumes Complete in One | Philadelphia | 1881."

The Education Department of the State of New York has sent to the Library a copy of its interesting flag book. The book is well written, printed on fine paper, and beautifully illustrated. The book is entitled: "The American Flag | New York Education Department | Sixth Annual Report Supplemental Volume. | Compiled and Edited by Barlan Hoyt Horner | State of New York | Education Department, Albany, 1910."

Miss Mary Pugh served most acceptably as chorister during the vacation of Miss Hibbs.

The Washington Memorial Cemetery.

On Monday, April 10, Mr. Thomas W. Sears, the landscape architect, came on from Providence and went over the proposed route of the upper drive with the Rector and the following members of the Vestry: Messrs. Edward H. Binns, Nathan B. Hughes and Frank Quigg. Mr. Sears had with him finished plans of this part of the cemetery, and these met with the hearty approval of all present. Mr. Sears is giving the entire plan his best efforts, and every detail is carefully considered. This upper drive, which will be the first one laid out, will be a charming feature of the property, as it combines woodland passages with extensive vistas of the Schuylkill valley.

The most expensive lots will lie along this driveway, but some of these are now being offered at $200. Four of these have been sold, and others are being considered. Only a little less desirable will be the lots at present offered at $100 each In both cases the surrounding lots will be sold for much higher prices, the idea being to give those who help develop the cemetery special advantages.

The Defenders' Gate.

Work on the Gate was stopped after the cellar for the lodge was dug and the stone dumped in the cellar and on the surrounding ground, ready for the masons. This work should be carried on without further delay, as it can be readily done to the advantage of the Parish. It was hoped that the Lincoln Arch in the Gate could be begun on the fifteenth of April, the fiftieth anniversary of Lincoln's first call for defenders of the Union and the Arch dedicated on Memorial Day. Unfortunately the response from the Posts has been slow, but those in charge of the work are hoping for better returns from their appeals. At any rate both the lodge and arch should be built this summer.

Adjutant General George O. Eddy, of the Grand Army of the Republic, has sent a copy of the resolution approving the erection of this national monument at Valley Forge. This resolution was presented at the last National Encampment of the Grand Army by Past Commander Robert B. Beath, and received the unanimous vote of the delegates present. The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, that the Grand Army of the Republic heartily approves the erection of the 'Defenders' Gate' at Valley Forge in memory of the men who defended the Union won by the Fathers of our Country."

Mrs. William Simpson, Jr., of Overbrook, has presented to the Chapel two rare old engravings. The older one is entitled, "The British surrendering their Arms to George Washington at York Town in Virginia, October, 1781." The drawing was made by John Francis Renault, and the engraving was made by Janner, Vallance, Kearney & Co. and Wm. Allen. The engraving is inscribed "To the Defenders of American Independence this Picture is most respectfully inscribed by their fellow Citizen, Jn. Fr. Renault, Assist. Secretary to the Count de Grass and Engineer to the French Army at the Siege of York." The engraving was copyrighted in 1819.

The second is "The Apotheosis of Washington," painted by R. Peale and engraved by Edwin. It is published by S. Kennedy, Philadelphia.

Both engravings are hung in the Museum.

Mr. Sylvester Makens, of Co. C, 138th Regt., P. V., in the charge at Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864, secured a hammerless six-shot revolver, Pettencill's Patent. The revolver is 10 inches long, central fire, for ball and cap, and has a concealed hammer. Mr. Makens has very generously added this personal trophy of the Civil War to our growing collection of fire-arms.

Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge, Pa.

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Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
At Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia.
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7.30 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

APRIL.

15. Easter Even.
16. Easter Day.
    6 A. M. Service and Sermon.
    10.45 A. M. Holy Communion and Sermon.
    2.30 P. M. Sunday school and Bible Classes.
    3.45 P. M. Easter Festival. At King-of-Prussia.
    9 A. M. Sunday school and Bible Classes.
    7.30 P. M. Easter Festival.
17. Monday in Easter Week.
    8 P. M. Meeting of the Congregation and Election of Vestrymen.
18. Tuesday in Easter Week.
23. First Sunday after Easter.
25. St. Mark's Day.
30. Second Sunday after Easter.

MAY.

1. Saint Philip and Saint James's Day.
3. 2.30 P. M. Meeting of the Guild.
7. Third Sunday after Easter.
14. Fourth Sunday after Easter.

BAPTISM.

March 13. Mary Ella (Pechin) Murray.

COMMUNICANTS.

Added, new, by Confirmation.

March 17. Martha Ann Pugh, at King-of-Prussia by Rt. Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas.

March 17, at the Washington Memorial Chapel by the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas: Mary Ella (Pechin) Murray, Emma Jane Pugh, Ruth Amanda Rahn, Clara Rambo Williams, Robert Cassidy Wood.

For the fifth time in the history of the parish a bishop of the Church has come to Valley Forge to administer the apostolic rite of Confirmation, and in every case it has been a different bishop. The first confirmation was by Bishop Whitaker in 1907, and then in the successive years by Bishop Mackay-Smith, Bishop Whitehead, Bishop Kinsman, and Bishop Nathaniel S. Thomas, of Wyoming. Bishop Thomas first went to King-of-Prussia, where he confirmed Miss Martha Ann Pugh. So far as we know this is the first confirmation held at King-of-Prussia. The service in the evening was long delayed on account of the time required by the coach sent by the Rector to make the rounds for the candidates. The service

was conducted by the rector and the sermon was preached by Bishop Thomas. The class, consisting of Mary Ella (Pechin) Murray (Mrs.), Emma Jane Pugh, Ruth Amanda Rahn, Clara Rambo Williams, and Robert Cassidy Wood, was presented by the Rector, and received the apostolic rite from Bishop Thomas.

The Chapel was beautiful on Palm Sunday, the decorations consisting of large palms from the conservatory of Mr. and Mrs. Tindle.

The Advent Offering of the Diocese of Pennsylvania for the fund for the completion of the Chapel amounted to $1529.26. This amount was received by the Rector from Mr. George W. Jacobs, Treasurer of the Advent and Lenten Offerings of the Diocese, and turned over to Mr. Jefferis, treasurer of the Building Fund. About $5,000 are now in hand for the walls. Surely the balance needed can soon be secured. What will you do to help?

Miss Lundy, of Bronxville, New York, is having made for presentation to the Chapel a solid silver chalice. This will be dedicated on May 9th or 10th.

The Captain John Douglas Pew is now in place, but lacks the inscription tablet. The Washington-Lovell Pew, with the Washington arms carved upon it, is also one of the late additions to the Chapel. This is the gift of Miss Lovell, a descendant of Washington's sister, Betty Lewis, whose fine old home is one of the landmarks of Fredericksburg, Va.

The Guild of the Washington Memorial Chapel of Valley Forge is indebted to the management of the Century Flower Shop, 112 S. 13th street, Philadelphia, for the flowers used at the Washington's Birthday supper. The tulips, daffodils and pink roses made the tables most attractive.

May your Easter be one of light and joy, with deepened faith and rekindled love!

History of the Valley Forge.

BY HENRY WOODMAN.

LETTER XI.

[Norristown Herald and Free Press, Aug. 1, 1850.]

The main body of the army under the command of Generals Muhlenberg, Wheedon, Mifflin, Poor, Potter and Wayne, were stationed along the front line hill, and the troops under the command of the several officers last named, were so arranged as to be nearest their respective quarters. The division of Sullivan was stationed on Schuylkill, between headquarters and the Flatland ford, about half a mile lower down the river; some further notice of them will be given in a future number. The troops commanded by Knox and Smallwood, and afterwards by Lafayette, were stationed on the southeastern extremity of the encampment. The artillery under the command of Col. Proctor, were stationed on the south side of the Gulf road, between that and the Baptist road in the county of Montgomery, a little north of the Chester county line—the place ever since retaining the name of park. In case of an attack from the enemy, the direction of the artillery was to be given to Gen. Dupertale, chief of the engineers. The foregoing is nearly as correct an account as I can give from memory, as the circumstances have been related to me, by persons who were conversant with these things, and the passing events of the day; but my informants are now no more in this state of existence.

The outposts mentioned in my last were placed to watch the movements of the enemy, act as an advanced guard, surprise foraging parties of the enemy, and intercept any communications between the disaffected people of that day with the British; and, also, to prevent trading with them, as there were even some, who, though not adhering to the cause of royalty, yet for the sake of a hard currency, which could always be ob-

tained of the enemy, in preference to the depreciating paper money of that day, ventured at all hazards to trade with them. A line of these outposts commenced at the river Schuylkill, opposite the place where the town of Conshohocken now stands, then known by the name of Matson's Ford, extending in a southwesterly direction several miles, that portion of the country lying between the main body at Valley Forge and the outposts, being in the prescribed lines of the army. The command of these was given to Gen. Lord Sterling, who was encamped on the Schuylkill, on the Gulf Hills; and from this circumstance the place was called Rebel Hill, a name it still retains. The General while here, was quartered at the house of John Reese; and among other officers attached to his brigade, and with him at his quarters, was James Monroe, since President of the United States, and one of the most popular men that has ever filled the Executive chair. This house is now standing, having undergone but little if any alteration since that time. It is now occupied by a sister of my mother, now in the eighty-second year of her age, and nearly the last one of the revolution, who was a resident of the neighborhood of Valley Forge, at the time of the encampment, who was of an age sufficient to remember the passing events of that day. I shall have occasion to speak of her more fully hereafter.

As mentioned in the forepart of this letter, the rangers of Gen. Morgan were placed on the outposts, his place of rendezvou being on the farm on which Morgan's corner on the Columbia Railroad is now located; and at the house of Mordecai Morgan, at the original mansion, he had his headquarters when in the neighborhood. I have understood that the General was distantly related to this family, but on this point I cannot speak correctly; it was from the latter family that the name of Morgan's Corner was called. Here he was said to be particularly useful in preventing many from trading with the British, by supplying them with provisions and otherwise holding communication with them. While thus engaged I never heard of any further violent measures being used by him, upon any thus surprised and captured than to secure their produce and then let them return home. He captured some persons from York county who, with teams, were engaged in removing to Philadelphia, the furniture of a person mentioned in a former letter, who was taken out of prison by his wife; they let the people go, but secured the goods. Other small detachments were placed at different stations for similar purposes, and a skirmish took place at the house of a person named John Scott, in Easttown township, Chester county, in which one person was killed and several wounded. Major William Brooke, of Radnor township, Delaware county, was the officer who commanded on the occasion. One of the persons wounded at the time was named Griffith Reese, a brother to Geo. Reese, Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia about eighteen years ago. I may also add in this place that the Major Brooke, just mentioned, is the same, whom some of my neighbors may remember—who, after living to an advanced age, and enjoying a respectable standing in the community, in the year 1829, was killed by a blow inflicted upon him by his own son, while laboring under a partial aberration of mind.

I shall now close this subject as relates to the general arrangement and disposition of the army, and in my next will relate some incidents that occurred during the time, and endeavor as far as in my power to give a description of the hardships and trials that were suffered by them during that severe season.

Mr. James A. Hibbs has given a number of bullets and pieces of shell found by him at Gettysburg and Mrs. Clayland Walker has given a bullet she found on the same field.

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK.

Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

Headquarters Feby. 8th 1778
Major General tomorrow ....Lord Sterling.
Brigadier.....Woodford
Field officer.....Colo. Webb
Brigade Major.....Haskill

The General officers are requested to meet at Genl. Virnim's Quarters to take into consideration the propriety of altering the present rations. The Commissary General purposes that in stead of the rations heretofore allowed there should be issued one pound & ½ of flower or one pound of beef or ¾ of Salt pork and a certain Quantity of spirits. Mr. Blain will attend this meeting.

Officers who are desirous of taking commissions in the companies of Sappers and Mine under the command of Brigadier General de Portail and possess the necessary Qualifications such as knowledge of natural Scoutalingg & darwing will give in their names to the A Genl.

3. 3 & 3nd Lieutenant are needing.

For furter the reveillei to beat at day break, the Troop at Eight in the morning the retreat at sunsit and Tatto at nine in the evening, to render the duty uniforme the drummers call to be beat on the right of the 1st line and answered throughout that Line then through the 2nd and corps of Artillery beginning on the Left the rear to follow the 2nd Line, Immediately upon this three rolls will be given and run through in like manner.

Then all the Drums in the army at the Head of their respective corps shall go through their regular beats, seasing upon the right which will be a signal for the whole to sease.

At a General court martial whereof Colo. Procter was president February 5th, 1778 Lt. Gay of Colo. Lands Regt. of artillery tryd for Absenting himself from camp without leave being guilty of theft & other behavior unbecoming the character of an Officer or gentleman. found guilty of un Officer & Ungentleman-like behavior in absenting himself from camp without leave. associating himself with a private Soldier. Robery and Infamously Stealing. Unanimously sentenced to have a sword broke over his head on the Grand parade at Guard Mounting that he be discharged the service and rendered Incapable of serving as an officer in the army and that it be esteamed a crime of the blackest dye for officer or even soldier to associate with him after the execution of this just tho milde punishment.

His Excellency the commander in chief approves the sentence and orders it to be put in Execution to morrow morning.

At a General Court Martial whereof Colo. Clarke was President January 28th 1778 Thomas Butler an Inhabitant of the State of Pennsylvania Tryd for carrying flower into Philadelphia found Guilty of the charge Exhibited against him Being a breach of a Resolution of Congress of October the 8th 1778 extended by another resolution of Congress made for cutting off all communication of supplies or Intiligenece to the enemys army and sentenced to receive 250 Lashes on his back—at the same court Thomas Ryan an Inhabitant of the State of Pennsylvania Tryd for being taken on the night of the 13th of January last in company with Thomas Butler with 8 Quarters of mutton & of Bull Beef on his way into Philadelphia found Guilty of the charge being a breach of the resolution of Congress as before mentioned and sentenced to pay the sum of 50 Pounds to be confined in the Provost Guard house til that sum is paid the Adjt. Genl. to be applyd to the use of the sick in camp.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Mr. Frank Quigg Andrews has added to the Valley Forge collection a solid shot plowed up by his father on the Zook farm in front of the outer line. This is the first mortar ball in our collection.